

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

## Sowing Seeds of



### Plant a Seed

"When you plant a seed, you put it in the dark quiet ground and nothing happens: no violins sing, no trumpets blow, no drums roll. Nevertheless, the spark of life begins to ignite and, slowly but surely, the seed takes root and a plant pushes itself through the ground: there is a harvest!

When you turn your mind and heart to God, nothing happens—or so it seems. No heavenly choirs sing, no thunder rolls, no lightning strikes. Nevertheless, in the quietness of your prayer, the Divine Spark ignites and begins to take root in your being and, as it grows, it shows forth in your life. Something has changed. You are reaping a God-centered harvest of thought and action, different than ever before." *Sunday Sermon Masterpiece Collection, Vol. 1, p. 142*

## Accreditation Team UPDATE

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October ended the schools 14 month in-depth self study of our programs with a visit from the Quality Assurance Committee. Now we begin the work of long range planning for school improvement.

Our visitors spoke with 53 adults & students over the two days verifying the information from our self-study and learning about our school culture. They visited classrooms to observe student learning and completed a critical analysis of the quality of education provided by

Holy Family School through the eight national standards set by AdvanceEd National Accreditation. To be accredited each school must 1) meet quality standards 2)engage in a continuous process of improvement 3)demonstrate quality assurance through internal and external review.

The Visiting Team: -Found that all eight standards are functioning at an **operational** level according to National standards which cross state, regional, national and international boundaries.

- Substantiated that Holy Family School is at an **operational level** in the quality of education for the Archdioceses of Louisville schools.

- Is recommending Holy Family School for full accreditation as a Archdiocesan school. A written report will be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools within the next three weeks and we should receive a copy of the report shortly after. There will be some commendations and some required actions listed in this report. The school board will begin the next long range plan addressing these required actions.



## LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR BLESSINGS

*One thing that Holy Family can be thankful for is the gift of Ms. Kelly-Ann O'Sullivan as our Spanish teacher for the past year. Ms. O'Sullivan was able to take our students to the next level in grammar and reading Spanish. Sadly Ms. O'Sullivan will be leaving Holy Family as of this week. She is moving to Ohio. We wish her well on this new adventure in her life. We will keep you posted in the acquisition of a new Span-*

*ish teacher for the remaining trimesters.*

*Another reason to give thanks is for the support of our students through our volunteers. Many parents and teachers give their time to provide extracurricular activities to meet the needs and interests of our students. Thank you to the: teachers and parents that helped with the Quick Recall teams, the parents that provided the coaching sup-*

*port through the athletic program, the teachers that sponsor Student Council, Beta club and Art club , Jennifer Benton and the crew of people that worked to provide the parish Fall Festival, our PTO chairperson, Shannon Jones, who gives her time to support the needs of the school. These and so many more people that volunteer for the school help our children experience our school motto "Many Are One. Thank you.*

## BETHLEHEM GULCH IS COMING TO YOUR TOWN

*Howdy partners, it's time to dust off your cowboy boot and hats and mousy on down to the Holy Family Saffin Center coral December 13.*

*Our Christmas play this year will be told in the setting of an old fashion western town.*

*Keep up with school news and calendar updates through the school website*

[www.manyareone.org](http://www.manyareone.org)

**Christmas at Bethlehem Gulch** involves a play with 7th & 8th grade students as

*the main characters and the entire school as the town choir. Show time begins at 7:00 so find your cameras and your western attire and plan to attend the All School Christmas Program **Christmas at Bethlehem Gulch** on Tuesday, December 13, 2011.*

Weather is getting cooler and it is time to pull out the warm jackets for the mornings and recess. Our students are out side each morning that it is not raining and they need to have warm clothes to wear. It's getting close to that time of year where we watch the news for inclement weather. The decision to close or delay school is made by the Superintendent of Catholic Schools and announced via radio and television for the Catholic Schools of Jefferson County. It is also communicated through the school Reach Alert System. One of the following announcements will be made:

All Catholic elementary and high schools in Jefferson County are OPEN

Catholic elementary & high schools in Jefferson County will be OPEN BUT ON A DELAYED SCHEDULE

All Catholic elementary schools in Jefferson County are CLOSED

At Holy Family our delayed schedule is:

Doors open at 9:00 with school starting at 9:30am. No announcements will be made about early dismissal except in the case of extreme emergency determined by the archdiocese.